Statement-II

Norms for opening of post offices in urban areas which were in force before revision

Post offices in urban areas may be opened subject to the following conditions:

(i) The post office should be self-supporting.

(ii) The minimum distance between two post offices should be 1 kilometre in cities with a population of 20 lakh and above. In other urban areas, the minimum distance between two post offices should be 1.5 kilometre.

(iii) PMG can relax the distance condition in 10 per cent of the cases every year.

(iv) EDBO's can be opened in urban areas only in exceptional cases like slum areas where suitable Departmental buildings on reasonable rent are not available. EDSO's may be opened in urban areas provided they are expected to be self-supporting and have a workload ranging between 4 to 5 hrs. per day. Opening of EDSO's in urban areas should not result in closing down of DSO.

Revised Norms introduced with effect from 21-10-86.

Post office in urban areas may be opened subject to the following conditions:

(i) Initially the post office should be self-supporting but at the time of the first annual review it should show a 5 per cent profit to be eligible for further retention.

(ii) The minimum distance between two post offices is now raised to 1.5 kms in cities with a population of 20 lakhs and above and 2 kms. in other urban areas. No two delivery offices however, should be closer than 5 kms from each other. Further, a delivery post office should have a minimum of 7 postmen's beats.

(iii) No extra departmental post offices will be opened in future in urban areas.

(iv) Heads of Circles will continue to have powers to relax the distance condition in 10 per cent of the cases as before but this power should be excercised personally and not by delegation.

These orders do not authorise opening of new post offices during the currency of the ban on creation of posts.

Memorandum to P.M. for special status of Assam

3230. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister of State for Home Affairs Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad had recently addressed a letter to a Member of the Rajya Sabha specifically stating that the Prime Minister had received a memorandum on August 14 to make certain proposals to amend the Constitution to secure for Assam a special status somewhat similar to the provisions of Article 370 and if so, whether those proposals are under consideration of the Government; and

(b) what are the details of the proposals and whether Government had agreed to the demand made by All Assam Gan Sangram Parishad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) In response to a mention of a matter of urgent public importance by a Member of Rajya Sabha, the Minister of State for Home Affairs had addressed a letter to him in September, 1986, intimating that the Prime Minister had received a Memorandum dated 14th August, 1986 from the All Assam Students Union containing their proposals for constitutional, legislative and administrative safeguards in terms of Clause 6 of the Assam Accord. This memorandum contains, *inter-alia*

some radical proposals to amend Articles 3, 258—A and 347 and for a special J&K type of status for Assam.

The Central Government has already clarified that the Assam Accord does not make a mention of special status for Assam nor has the Government made any commitment in this regard. As such, the question of granting special status to Assam does not arise.

Ex-army deserters lodged in Naini Jail

3231. SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ex-Army prisoners who have been sentenced for desertion and other offences in June, 1984 and are lodged in (Naini) Allahabad Jail; and

(b) whether it is a fact that prisoners serving long sentences are sent to jails in their home states to enable their relatives to visit them conveniently and if so, why these prisoners are being denied this facility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) There are 43 ex-Army prisoners lodged in Naini Jail undergoing various terms of sentences on account of their desertions and other offences in the aftermath of Operation Blue Star.

(b) On considerations of overall National interest and the prevailing situation in Punjab, it has not been considered desirable to transfer these prisoners to jails in that State.

विदेशों में भारतीय फिल्म सप्ताह का आयोजन

3232. **श्री राम चन्द्र विकल :** क्या **सूचना और प्रसारण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि उन देशों के नाम क्या हैं जिनमें चालू वर्ष/अगले वर्ष के दौरान भारतीय फिल्म सप्ताहों का आयोजन किए जाने की संभावना है और इस उद्देश्य के लिए चुनी गई फिल्मों के नाम क्या है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजीत पांजा) : चालू वर्ष तथा अगले वर्ष की प्रथम तिमाही के दौरान जिन देशों में भारतीय फिल्म सप्ताह आयोजित किए जाने की संभावना है तथा इस प्रयोजन के लिए जिन फिल्मों का चयन किया गया है, उनके नामों को दर्शाने वाला विवरण सदन की मेज पर रखा जाता है ।

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2.	चैकोस्लोवाकिया	1. एक्सीडेंट 2. उत्सव 3. सारांश 4. नीरव झाडा 5. परमा 6. समन्दराम 7. चौपड़